

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 18-20, 22-25, and 27-31 remain pending in the application. Claim 27 has been amended to place the application in better condition for appeal. The amendment to Claim 27 is fully supported by the application as filed and does not present new subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the amendment to Claim 27.

The Final Action mailed March 15, 2011 objected to Claim 27 "because of the following informalities: claim 19 is not a method claim." Applicant has thus amended Claim 27 to reflect that Claim 19, from which Claim 27 depends, is an apparatus claim. The amendment is merely to comply with a requirement of form expressly set forth in the Final Action and to present the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The amendment is proper prior to filing Applicant's Appeal Brief, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33 and MPEP 1206.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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